

Sinclair Broadcasting's directive to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary as 'NEWS' days before the election is a perfect example of why the people of this country have previously spoken out loud and clear against the tyranny of media consolidation in recent years. (Is anyone at the FCC listening to the PEOPLE???)

Sinclair uses OUR public airwaves free of charge. Accordingly, Sinclair has an obligation to serve the public interest. But when a media giant can exert so much control over the airwaves, the people's interest takes a back seat to the bottom line interest of the corporate media. This does not bode well for our democracy. The FCC should be fighting for the production and broadcasting of news that is in the interest of the people at the local and community levels, not acquiescing to mass programming forced down from the corporate center.

Sinclair's actions, which I hope I found to be illegal as free political advertising on the public airwaves (as much as they try to dress it up as NEWS) provide irrefutable proof that the rules governing these media corporations need to be strengthened. The license renewal process must entail more than a returned postcard. Thank you.